

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action dated September 20, 2005. Because November 20, 2005 falls on a Sunday, the period for response is extended to November 21, 2005, which is the next day that is neither a Saturday, Sunday nor a Federal holiday in the District of Columbia. Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-319 are currently pending within the above-identified application.

No new matter has been added.

Priority

Appreciation is expressed for acknowledgment of a claim to foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 and that the certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

Substitute specification

In response to the request by the Examiner, a substitute specification and Petition are provided along with this Response. Entry of the substitute specification is respectfully requested.

Surrender of the patent

In response to the request for the surrender of the patent, please note that 37 C.F.R. §1.178(a) was amended, *effective October 21, 2004*, to eliminate the requirement for physical surrender of the original letters patent (i.e., the "ribbon copy" of the original patent) in a reissue application, and to make surrender of the original patent automatic upon the grant of the reissue patent. M.P.E.P. §1416.

Accordingly the requirement for the surrender of the patent is moot in view of the implementation of the amended rule.

Conclusion



For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Registration No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753, or the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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Respectfully submitted,

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